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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, From El Paso to Texarkana, from Texline to
2 Brownsville, from the Rio Grande to the Red River, Texans consume a
3 lot of tacos, and most of the other foods Texans enjoy, including
4 brisket, sausage, eggs, chorizo, beans, and seafood, are that much
5 better when served in the warm embrace of a tortilla; and

6 WHEREAS, While the exact origins of the taco are uncertain,
7 this staple of Mexican cuisine is thought to have been around at
8 least as long as the Lone Star State, and it has been wholeheartedly
9 adopted as a mainstay of Texas dining; and

10 WHEREAS, Texans have strong opinions about whether flour or
11 corn tortillas reign supreme, and as far as fillings go, we delight
12 in such traditional choices as pork al pastor, beef barbacoa, and
13 chicken fajita, and we also appreciate the more exotic ingredients
14 that have been pressed into service, including everything from
15 octopus to elk to kimchi fried rice; our state is believed to be the
16 birthplace of the breakfast taco, and although Texans have yet to
17 arrive at a consensus regarding which region deserves recognition
18 for the best breakfast tacos, we are happy to indulge in the
19 spirited debate and taste testing related to this serious issue;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, One thing Texans can agree on is that, despite the
22 availability of tacos in the other 49 states, the tastiest tacos can
23 be found in the great State of Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature has recognized a variety of

1 state symbols as tangible representations of the proud character
2 and colorful heritage of the Lone Star State; while tortilla chips
3 and salsa make for a satisfying state snack and chili is worthy of
4 its selection as the official state dish, the taco, which needs no
5 dish and can be hearty enough to serve as a meal all by itself, is
6 indeed deserving of a place at the table; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby designate tacos as the official state food of Texas.